



**To: Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary**

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**Date: February 6, 2025**

**Re: SB 959 - Testimony in Support**

**Chair Prozanski and members of the committee,**

On behalf of the Oregon Fire Chiefs Association and the SDAO Fire Districts, we are testifying in support of SB 959.

Across the state and nation, we are seeing a concerning rise in the use of signal jamming devices that can disable fire alarms and hinder emergency response efforts. Fire services depend on these vital signals and the monitoring stations that receive them to determine when and where to deploy resources. If criminals interfere with these signals, we may never be alerted to a fire, risking the loss of both lives and property. This is why we strongly support legislation that would safeguard the integrity of life-safety systems throughout the state.

SB 959 would also help protect this essential equipment from unauthorized or substandard repairs. The risks only grow when unqualified individuals attempt to repair critical infrastructure, such as life-safety equipment. This concern not only covers accidental errors made by those without proper training but also could include intentional tampering.

For the safety of all, every state has exempted security and life-safety equipment from the right to repair, given these risks.

Thank you for your time and consideration.